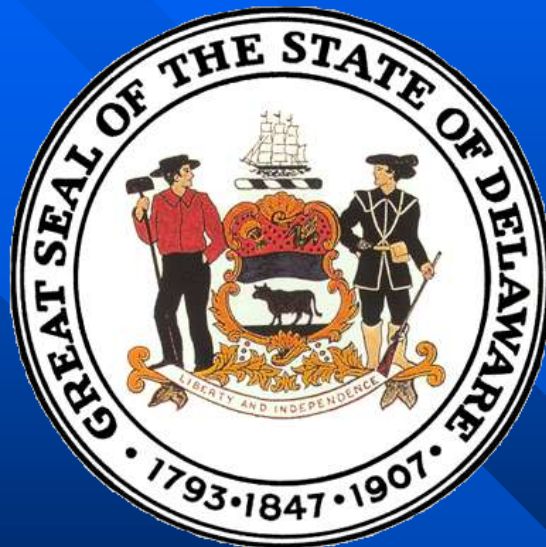


Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission



The Year in Review
2004

I am pleased to present the following yearly report on the activities of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission. 2004 was a year that saw some changes in the racing scene across North America regarding wagering security, drug testing and reaffirming the importance of the integrity of the sport at large.

The Commission was involved in several matters of national importance to racing. The stringent position taken by the Commission on the Possession or Use of EPO or DPO virtually stamped out the use of this harmful medication on horses.

The Commission participated in a partnership role in formatting a Mid Atlantic Medication Policy which should be adopted in the early months of 2005.

The Commission also took a leadership role in pursuing adoption of the use of a “padded jockey’s whip” which are expected to be in place on an experimental basis by the start of the 2005 live racing season at Delaware Park in April.

2005 should be a significant year for Delaware Racing interests with the advent of slot machines being contemplated in neighboring states. Delaware interests will have to meet this increased competition in order to maintain or improve their over-night and scheduled stakes schedule.

Two new wagers are going to be unveiled during July, 2005 in conjunction with Delaware Park’s “Festival of Racing “ which will peak consumer interest. The wagers were developed by Sci-Games in partnership with Cantor Index along with assistance from Delaware Park. The Commission feels that the wagering public will enjoy these new wagers that will be offered.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Wayne

Administrator of Racing

Thoroughbred Racing Commission

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission regulates and oversees the sport of Thoroughbred and Arabian racing in the state. Its primary objectives and principles are to protect, preserve, and promote agriculture and horse racing through effective and efficient efforts to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices; ensure fairness in decisions affecting licensees and patrons; ensure due process in administrative proceedings; be attentive to the public and licensees and provide information concerning the industry and commission operations. The commission is also responsible for ensuring that the state and the betting public receive their fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing periodic accounting audits.



Delaware Department of Agriculture

Michael T. Scuse,
Secretary of Agriculture

H. Davis Shockley,
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Commission and Staff

Bernard J. Daney, Chairman

W. Duncan Patterson, Secretary, Commissioner

H. James Decker, Commissioner

Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

Carolyn Wilson, Commissioner (through June, 2004)

Debbie Killeen, Commissioner (September 2004 to present)

Michael McTaggart, Commission Counsel

Patricia Murphy, Commission Counsel (joined DTRC December, 2004)

John F. Wayne, Administrator of Racing

Jo Ann Price, Administrative Specialist I

Commissioners



*From Left: H. James Decker, Carolyn Wilson, Chairman Bernard J. Daney,
Secretary, W. Duncan Patterson, Edward J. Stegemeier*

Commission Staff (continued)

G. Jack Houghton, Chief Steward

Frederick Burkhardt, Associate Steward

Dennis Lima, Associate Steward

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John Peters, D.V.M. Supervising Commission Veterinarian

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Kathleen Picciano, D.V.M. Commission Veterinarian

Susan Botts, V.M.D. Commission Veterinarian

Commission Staff (continued)

Investigations and Enforcement

Robert Collison, Inspector

Licensing and Credentials

Betty Ann Davis, Office Manager

Geraldine Wilson, Licensing Clerk

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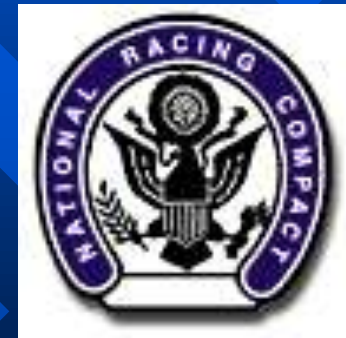
Joint Commission Activities

During March and November, 2004 the Delaware Thoroughbred and Harness Racing Commissions, participated in meetings held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Richmond, Virginia of the Eastern States Racing Commissioners and Executive Directors.

There were delegates represented from the Mid Atlantic region to discuss the challenges facing pari-mutuel wagering and racing.



- The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission is also a member of the National Racing Compact.
- The “National License” was developed to streamline the licensing and fingerprinting process. It is known as racing’s “E-Z Pass.”



Race Days and Purses Distributed to Horsemen during 2004

Delaware Park Race Days Scheduled	135
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Actual Days Raced	134
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TOTAL PURSES DISTRIBUTED TO HORSEMEN

\$35,858,103.27

Wagering Comparisons 2004

Export of Live Signal from Delaware Park	\$230,272,674.00
Imported Simulcasting Signals handle	\$72,348,635.00
Live Handle at Delaware Park	\$18,233,483.00
TOTAL HANDLE	\$320,854,792.00

Budget July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 (Fiscal)

Personnel	\$639,300.00
Travel	\$18,800.00
Contractual	\$84,800.00
Contractual, line 2	\$92,800.00
Supplies	\$14,000.00
Supplies, line 2	\$14,000.00
Capital	\$30,000.00
Fingerprints	\$60,500.00
Equine Drug Testing	\$220,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,174,200.00

Committees and Service

ARCI/NAPRA Model Rules Committee

John F. Wayne, Member

Drug Testing Standards and Practices

John F. Wayne, Co-Chairman

Delaware Jockey's Health and Welfare Fund

Senate Bill 338 established the Delaware Jockey's Health and Welfare Benefit Board to oversee annual payments of \$350,000.00 for use towards insurance for the Jockeys that are eligible for enrollment in the Delaware Plan. Jockeys are considered to be covered if they have ridden 50 mounts in the previous or current year. The Delaware Jockey's Health and Benefit Board consists of the following members:

Edward J. Stegemeier, Chairman of Benefit Board, DTRC

William Fasy, Chief Operating Officer, Delaware Park

Michael McCarthy, Delaware Horsemen's Representative

Albert Fiss, Vice President, Jockey's Guild

Jennifer Bramblett, Jockey

Oliver Castillo, Jockey

Bernard J. Daney, Ex – Officio member, DTRC Chairman

Signing of Senate Bill 338 establishing the Delaware Jockey's Health and Welfare Benefit Board



From Left: Francis Swift - Inspector; John F. Wayne – Administrator of Racing, Bernard J. Daney - Chairman DTRC, Jennifer Bramblett – Jockey, Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Juan Umana – Jockey, Edward J. Stegemeier – Commissioner, Michael McTaggart – Deputy Attorney General

Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Licensing Activities 2004

Licensing Fees	\$206,534.00
Fines Collected	\$23,025.00
Total Monies Collected	\$229,559.00

Licenses Issued During 2004

Owners	1,268
Owners – 3-year	368
Trainers	207
Trainers – 3-year	26
Owner/Trainers	142
Owner/Trainers - 3 year	29
Assistant Trainers	80
Authorized Agents	109
Stable Names	653

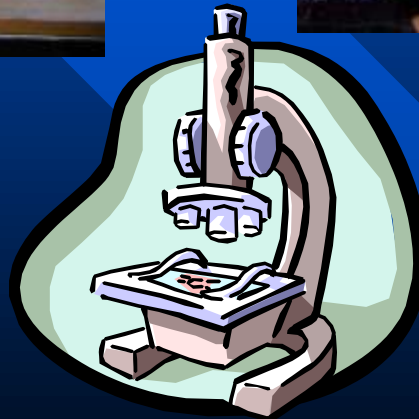
Licenses Issued 2004 (continued)

Jockeys	140
Jockeys – 3 year	37
Jockey Agents	18
Animal Health	79
Vendors	60
Stable Employees	921
Delaware Park Employees	868
Total Licenses Issued	5,005

Thoroughbred Action at Delaware Park



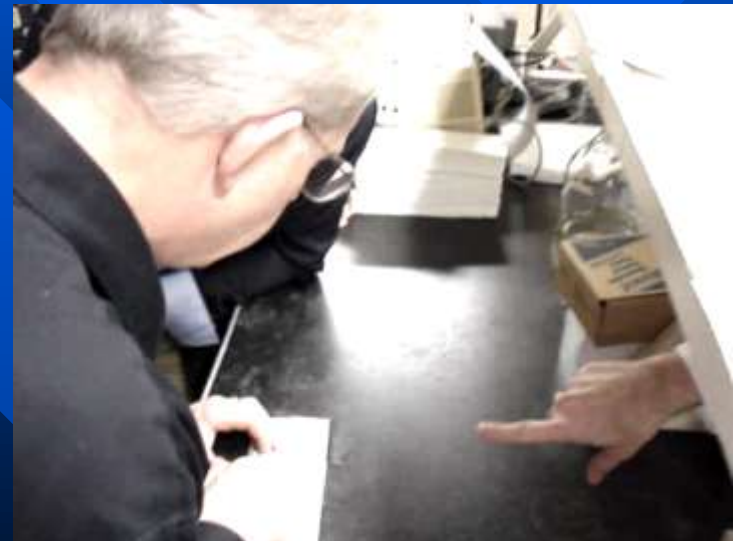
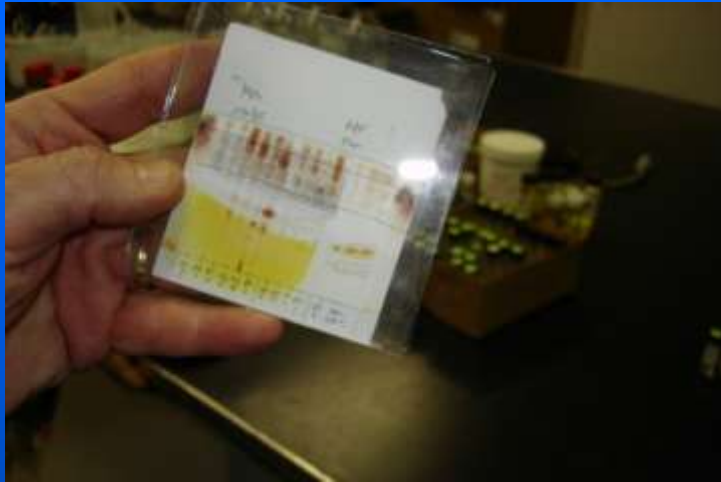
Forensic Drug Testing at Delaware Park



Post Race Sample Preparations and Record Keeping



Laboratory Testing at Dalare Associates



Delaware Park Stable Area Improvements





Delaware Handicap Day, Paddock Personalities



Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program 2004

2004 Applications	Yearlings	Foals	Totals
Jan – March	11	0	11
Apr – June	23	6	29
July – Sept	12	9	21
Oct – Dec	54	41	95
Total horses Enrolled	100	56	156
Total horses enrolled 2002, 2003, 2004			436

** Information provided by Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association*

Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program Horses of Racing Age for 2004

Three-year olds	64
Two-year olds	142
Total	206

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Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program

Starters for 2004

# of Starters	# of Starts	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	10% Earnings
56	134	20	19	19	\$44,947.00
10% Certifier awards pending					\$44,947.00
Totals					\$89,894.00

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Current Delaware Farms Enrolled During 2004

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Nutrient Management - “Best Management Practices”



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Keeping manure from mixing with storm water is a daily maintenance project

Delaware Park Action



“And, they’re off”



Ramon Dominguez 2004
Leading Rider



“Down the Stretch”

Racing Shots, Past and Present



* Hall of Famers

Bill Hartack & Eddie
Arcaro at Delaware Park



Paddock Pavilion Tent



* Jeremy Rose, 2005
Preakness and Belmont
Stakes winning rider



“SILKS”



“AFLEET ALEX”

* Photo from Delaware Park archives

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"And down the stretch"

Thank you and Good Racing!